

# FACT SHEET

for Families Building Better Readers Parent Workshop

## Introduction

Families Building Better Readers (FBBR) is a dynamic reading workshop for parents and children in the elementary grades.

This 2 ½ hour training is a collaborative outreach by the Florida Department of Education's Just Read, Florida! initiative, the Bureau of Family and Community Outreach, and the University of West Florida.

## Purpose

*This workshop will:*

- Teach parents how to set their children up for successful reading practice at home.
- Teach parents ten research-based reading activities they can do with their children to improve reading performance.
- Provide parents with resources that promote life-long literacy.
- Give children practice in doing the same activities their parents learn about and the opportunity to perform a play that reviews workshop content for all participants.
- Provide a fun learning experience for all participants.
- Promote positive partnerships between families and schools.

## Workshop Theme

The Families Building Better Readers' construction theme adds an element of fun to the event for parents and children. Every parent will receive a "tool kit" that includes reading activities to do with children at home. During breakout sessions, each activity is demonstrated by effective trainers and practiced by parents. A parallel children's workshop involves children in rich reading experiences while parents attend breakout sessions. At the end of the workshop families enjoy a play performed by their children that reviews workshop content followed by a read-aloud demonstration.

## Related Training

Translations of FBBR materials can be provided in several different languages. In addition, a special version of FBBR for Spanish-speaking parents called Edificando Mejores Lectores en Familia is available that was specifically developed to meet the special needs of Florida's migrant worker families. A similar reading workshop for middle school families is also offered called Mysteries in the Middle.



If you have any questions about Families Building Better Readers Parent Workshop or for information on family and community involvement, please contact:

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